SHOWTIME

National artists to perform free concert

PHILADELPHIA—There's a hot sound coming to Philadelphia—the Miller High Life Sound Express featuring top national artist, LeVert, the Force M.D.'s, and Joyce Sims.

America's largest free musical tour, the Miller High Life Sound Express, will be the stage for a free concert at League Island/FDR Park, South 20th and Patterson Streets, Saturday, June 25. The concert, scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m., also will feature the local performer Liz Gwynn.

"People will again be able to enjoy some of the hottest national performng artists at free live concerts in their own communities this summer," said Leslie Billinger, marketing coordinator for Miller.

"The Miller High Life Sound Express also provides an excellent opportunity for local performing artists to be showcased on the same stage with these top recording artists," Billinger added.

THE FORCE M.D.'s

Headlining the concert will be LeVert, a rhythm-and-blues trio. The group has had three No. 1 singles on Billboard's Black charts since 1986, including, "Sweet Sensation," "Casanova" and "Pop, Pop, Pop (Goes My Mind)."

LeVert's most recent album, "The Big Throwdown," reached No. 1 on the charts in 1987 and is still on the charts after 39 weeks.

Also appearing at the concert will be the Force M.D.'s. The group's latest album, "Touch and Go," has been on the Black charts for more than 37 weeks, and features the hit single, "Couldn't Care Less." The Force M.D.'s received the "Best Vocal Group" award at the 1987 New York Music Awards.

Joyce Sims also will perform on the Miller High Life Sound Express. Sims' debut album, "Come Into My Life," is currently climbing the charts and features the hit single, "Love Makes a Woman." Her first single, "All in All," rose to the top of Billboard's International Dance charts in March 1986 and remained in the rankings for 27 weeks.

The Philadelphia stop of the Miller High Life Sound Express tour will be co-sponsored by WUSL-FM.

Actor Nathan Cook of 'Hotel' dead at 38

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI) — Actor Nathan Cook, who had a recurring role on the prime-time television series "Hotel," died at a hospital where he was taken after complaining of breathing problems.

Cook, 38, died about an hour after he was admitted to Santa Monica Hospital early June 11, police Sgt. Tim Bauer said.

L. Shelton, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, said an autopsy had been performed but the results would not be available until Monday.

KNBC-TV, citing coroner's officials, reported Friday the autopsy did not determine the cause of death and results of toxicological tests were pending.

Bauer said police would await a coroner's findings before deciding whether to conduct an investigation.

The television station, which reported Cook had complained of breathing problems, said friends and business associates believe he died of an allergic reaction to penicillin.

The black actor played a character named Billy Griffin on "Hotel" during the five-year run on ABC. The series, which starred James Brolin and Connie Selleca, was canceled this year.

Cook, who was born in Philadelphia, also appeared in the TV series "The White Shadow" from 1978 to 1980, portraying a character named Milton Reese.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Women's Law Center Holds Workshop

The Women's Law Center will conduct a workshop on "Legal Problems in Separation and Divorce in Maryland" on Wednesday, June 22, at 6 p.m., at Maryland New Directions, 12 East 25th Street. Joan Sills, an attorney in private practice, will discuss current legal practices and domestic law for separation and divorce in Maryland.

Goucher introduces weekend management program

The Goucher College Center for Continuing Studies will hold an information session for its weekend management program on Wednesday, June 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Alumni House.

Classes meet every other weekend, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Classes begin in September and continue through May.

An additional open house is slated for Wednesday, July 13 from 7 to 9 p.m.in the Alumni House.

Call 337-6352.

Smoking cessation classes offered

St. Agnes Hospital is sponsoring a stop smoking program. The series of five classes will begin on June 22, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Classroom A.

The program is a proven effective way to stop smoking and remain free of the cigarette habit.

The course provides an understanding of why the participant smokes; what kind of a smoker each participant is; and methods for successful cessation of smoking.

Call the St. Agnes Department of Hospital Education at 368-2195.

CPR course offered

Howard County General Hospital will offer a Citizen's and Pediatric CPR (Course B) on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 21 and 22 from 7 to 10 p.m. This six-hour American Heart Association course includes one-man CPR, infant and child CPR, and techniques to remove airway obstruction.

Call 740-7600.

Most Beautiful Eyes Search Coming

The Maryland Society for the Preventon of Blindness will be at the Columbia Mall on Saturday, June 25 looking for the "Most Beautiful Eyes in Maryland". Shoppers can participate by simply visiting the Most Beautiful Eyes Contest area in the Woodies Court between Noon and 4 p.m. Anyone who poses for a free photo and makes a $5.00 tax-deductible contribution will automatically be entered in the contest.

The Society encourages you to bring your spouses, sweethearts and children along and enter them in the competition. All proceeds will benefit the Society's eye health and safety programs. You don't have to be tall or thin or in great physical shape to enter - this is a contest for your eyes only. It's a fun way to help a good cause, and you could win some great prizes.

Prizes include trips to Orlando and Atlantic City, a color TV, or a Nikon camera. Everyone can particiapte in drawings for RayBan sunglasses, and free posters will be distributed to shoppers. As a community service, the Society will provide free vision screening to anyone age eighteen and over.

Following a July 7 deadline, ten finalists will be chosen from photographs submitted by entrants. Eyes will be judged for size, shape, color, clarity and healthy apperance. Finalists will go on to compete for the "Most Beautiful Eyes" Title on July 23.

Free Summer Courses Available to City Residents

The Office of Vocational Programs, Baltimore City Public Schools, is offering FREE Summer Occupational Training and Skill Development courses in ten areas. The courses will be housed at Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School, Carver Vocational-Technical High School, Edmondson/Westside High School and Northwestern High School. All courses are open to adult and student residents of Baltimore city who are above the age of fifteen.

The following courses will begin on June 22, 8;30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and will continue for six weeks at the following locations:

Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School #410
3500 Hillen Road.
- Auto Body and Fender Repair
- Automobile Mechanics
- Culinary Arts
- Intensive Clerical Skills Development

Carver Vocational-Technical High School #454
2201 Presstman Street
- Computer Applications
- Masonry and Cement Finishing
- Typewriting/Keyboarding

Edmondson/Westside High School #400
4501 Edmondson Avenue
- Automobile Mechanics
- Commercial and Home Improvement Technology
- Computer Applications
- Family Life Skills
- Information/Word Processing
- Masonry and Cement Finishing
- Typewriting/Keyboarding

Northwestern High School #401
6900 Park Heights Avenue
- Intensive Clerical Skills Development

Applicants for enrollment are invited in the following order of priority:

1. Secondary school students whose curricula require additional credits towards a certificate of vocational trade completion.
2. Secondary school students who wish to supplement the skill training they received during the regular school year.
3. Middle and secondary school students who wish to have an exploratory experience as a forerunner to choosing a curriculum.
4. Secondary school students who are not able to avail themselves of vocational programs during the regular school year.
5. Recent high school graduates who did not develop saleable skills during their high school programs.
6. Dropouts from school who are in need of pre-employment training.
7. Secondary students who require review course work in the subjects offered.

Persons interested in attending may obtain application forms in the Guidance and Main Office of any middle or senior high school.

Call 396-8561.

Have you heard?

By Penny S. Demps

THAT thirty contemporary black and Third-World artists will participate in Kenco Art Associates' 10th Annual Outdoor Garden Art Exhibit, on June 25 and 26, from 2-7 P.M., at 11 Brookside Avenue, So. Nyack, N.Y. The exhibition will feature the art work of local artists, Ken Nishia and Stefani Nishi. Three other Rockland County artists, Jim Dickerson, Willie Hendrix, and George White will be among those participating. Available for viewing and purchase will be original works of Fine Art, Graphic Art, Sculpture, Photography, and hand-crafted jewelry.

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THAT the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, along with Baileys Original Irish Cream will honor ten women for contributions in various fields as winners of the 1988 Candace Awards. Singer Patti LaBelle will host the ceremony to be held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in N.Y.C. on June 22. This year's awardees include: Cicely Tyson, Distinguished Service; Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Journalism; Althea Gibson, Trailblazer; Vy Higgensen, Business; Johnetta Cole, Education; Beluah Mae Donald and Michael Figures, Civil Rights; Ethel Payne, Trailblazer; Mary Helen Washington, Arts and Letters; Donna Wood, Arts and Letters.

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THAT George Benson, the master guitarist/singer whose jazz roots have successfully branched upward on the contemporary rhythm and blues charts since the '70s, will appear at the June 26 concert of the Hampton Jazz Festival at the Hampton Coliseum. The line-up for the festival includes Dionne Warwick, Miles Davis, Gerald Albright and the Super Jazz Band on June 24; Al Jarreau, Kenny G, Dianne Reeves and Jae Sinnett on June 25; Benson, B. B. King and Miki Howard, June 26.

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THAT since the black press has played a focal role in shaping American history for 161 years, form campaigns against slavery and lynching to campaigns for armed forces integration and affirmative action, WLIB Radio is ready to celebrate this important institution. A "Salute To The Black Press: A Family Reunion", hosted by WLIB, will take place on June 30 from 3-7 p.m. at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Building in Harlem. Black magazines, newspapers, and broadcast outlets from around the country will exhibit their work.

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THAT the Newark Black Film Festival returns for its fourteenth season beginning June 22 with the critically acclaimed 1987 comedy, "Hollywood Shuffle," to be shown at Newark Symphony Hall. The remaining Wednesday evening programs will be held July 20 and July 27. Considered among the best of its kind in the country, the popular six-week series showcases the history and culture of black people. All screenings are free and performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

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THAT Walter Hudson of Hempstead, N.Y. seems to be winning that never-ending battle of the bulge. Hudson has lost 800 pounds and now weighs in at a relatively modest 550. Psychologist Barbara Rosen stated, "We're at a turning point and Walter is very excited." A building contractor is building a ramp outside Hudson's home for tree and Hudson says he wants to get out. Nutritionist Dick Gregory, who started with Hudson on his weight-lost program, withdrew when Hudson, 43, declined to come to his clinic in the Bahamas.

MR. & MRS. MIKE TYSON—Newlywed heavyweight champ Mike Tyson has revealed that his wife, actress Robin Givens, is expecting a little champ. Pictured at their recently acquired New Jersey mansion, Tyson excitedly comments about his future offspring: "I'll take the punches, so they'll never have to."

METRO PROFILE

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Taking to the streets to beat the heat

City summers long, hot and heavenly

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

The temperature is boiling and the heat is persistent.

It hits your forehead, your neck, and oozes down the rest of your body.

It just will not quit.

Why?

Summer is here and the heat is on.

Today the summer solstice begins, bringing hotter temperatures and longer days for the northern hemisphere and shorter days for the southern hemisphere.

That means Baltimoreans can prepare for long, hot and humid summer days.

Solstice is the time of year when the sun reachers the farthest point north or south of the equator. There are two solstices, a summer and a winter.

Bring on the short pants, bikinis, sandals, powder, deodorant, haircuts, braids, cookouts, lemonade, iced tea, ice cream, snowballs, swimming pools, beaches . . . and the wild parties.

Summer is the time of year to let loose and enjoy life.

It is the time when couples get married, babies are born, parents and their children go on vacation. Americans celebrate the nation's independence from Great Britain on July 4 - Independence Day, and end the season in a mighty blaze of barbecues on Labor Day.

Here are some statistics to demonstrate how popular summertime is.

There were 19,784 babies born in Maryland in summer of 1986, but on the other hand, 9,695 people died that year, said Rosemarie Martin, research statistician for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

More than 14,000 people were married in summer '86, while only 4,117 severed their marital strings.

"I love summertime. It's my favorite season," said Fourth District Councilman Lawrence Bell, III. "I like it hot."

The 26-year-old bachelor said he enjoys the outdoors and plans to enjoy this summer a bit more.

"This is the first summer in a while that I haven't been out there campaigning. I'm going to enjoy this summer," Bell said.

Breather: Taking a pause for the cause after some serious aerobics. Model — Gerri Brown

This season, which brings an average 90-degree temperature, is particularly special to Baltimore.

Neighbors can now sit on their marble steps and watch life happen, lovers can stroll under a golden summer moon and youngsters can swim in public pools.

Music lovers can delight at the concerts at the Inner Harbor's Harborlights Musical Festival at Pier Six, which feature singer Diane Reeves, "Better Days," jazz musician Stanley Jordan and singer/actress Phyllis Hyman this year.

Summer can also bring disasters.

Crime tends to be high in the summer, due to the heat, which drives more people into the streets, and the boredom.

People suffer from heat strokes. And natural phenomena, like hurricanes and tornadoes, can strike.

Ray Feldmann, public information officer for the Department of the Environment, offers advice to deal with summer heat.

"Keep cool as much as possible," Feldmann said. "Find an air conditioner. Get off the streets and go in home, malls or a movie theater."

"If that's not feasible, use fans," Feldmann added.

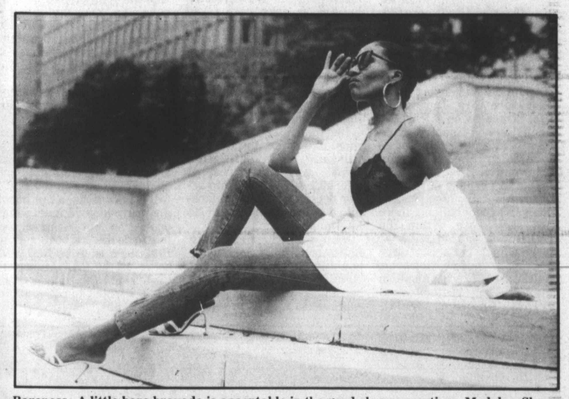
Wear loose fitting and light colored clothes to "reflect" the heat away, drink plenty of liquids, particulary water and fruit juices.

Avoid drinking beer and alcoholic beverages, which can decrease the body's ability to keep cool, warned Feldmann.

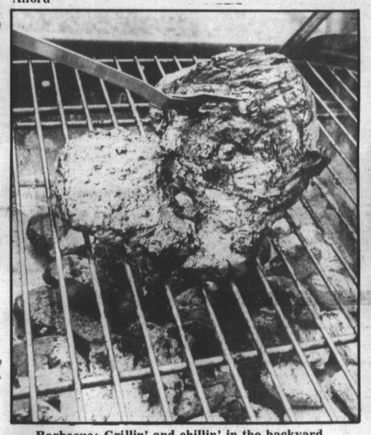
Parents should also avoid leaving children and animals in locked cars with the windows rolled up.

Feldmann also said people should wear sunscreens to avoid sunburn and sun poisoning.

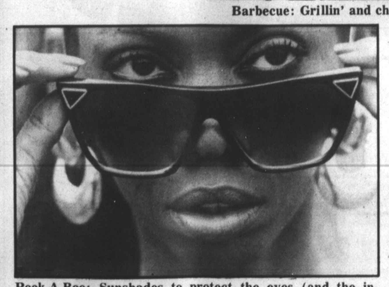
Baltimore, have a wonderful summer.



Bareness: A little bare bravado is acceptable in the good ole summertime. Model — Sharon Alford



Barbecue: Grillin' and chillin' in the backyard.



Peek-A-Boo: Sunshades to protect the eyes (and the innocence). Model — Kelly Ward

Models provided by Travis Winkey

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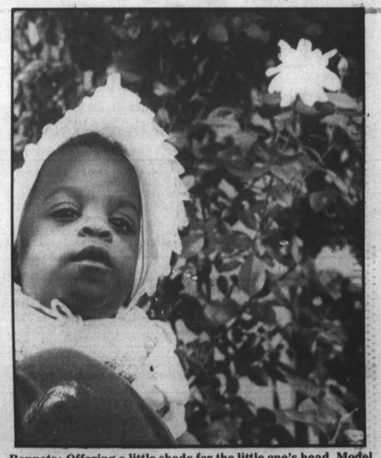
Brevity: Beating the city summer heat in a black mini. Model — Kelly Ward

Bicycles: Wheeling around town showing off the new summer body. Model — James Dorsey.

Basic Black: Stretchin' it out, getting the body together for the beaches and bathing suits. Model — Wendy Hawkins



Bonnets: Offering a little shade for the little one's head. Model Adianne Nicole Greene